

UP Dated September 23, 2010

## **Niles Wastewater Treatment Plant Septage Receiving Facility Operating Plan**

The City of Niles Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 21 Marmont Street is currently accepting domestic septage and will continue to receive septage for treatment.

**Domestic septage** - is defined as the septage pumped from home septic tanks, recreational vehicles, cesspools portable toilets, type 111 marine sanitation device, or similar storage or treatment works that receives only domestic sewage. The Niles WWTP is also accepting leachate from the Berrien County Landfill on load by load bases.

The Niles WWTP will not accept **grease trap waste** or any waste including domestic septage waste that is determined by the Superintendent or designate to cause harm to the operation of the Wastewater Plant.

The City of Niles WWTP has received domestic septage for thirty years and is not anticipating any difficulty in servicing the fifteen mile radius limit. In 2008 the Niles WWTP received **4.5 million gallons** of domestic septage. The average daily amount for March 2008 thru June 2008 was 14,988 gallons per day. The daily maximum of 48,250 gallons occurred on September 24, 2008. The Treatment Plant received, 76,500 gallons of leachate from the Berrien County Landfill in 2008 .

The operating hours of the Niles WWTP septage receiving station will be **7AM to 7PM seven days a week**. This will be in effect upon DEQ approval of the operating plan.

The Niles WWTP requires all septage haulers to be licensed by the state of Michigan. A copy of the license will be on file at the plant and used to determine tank size for billing. The cost is **4.7 cents per gallon** based on the haulers tank size. Septage haulers are charged for a full tank- a partial tank will be charged as a full tank.

The Niles WWTP requires all septage haulers to fill out our **Delivery Ticket and a Dump sheet – see attachment**.

All septage haulers are billed monthly by the City's billing department. Septage haulers are expected to pay their bill by the due date those who do not will lose their dumping privileges at the Niles WWTP.

**Campbell, Matthew (DNRE)**

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**From:** Campbell, Matthew (DNRE)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2010 7:49 AM  
**To:** 'Terry Benish'  
**Subject:** RE: UP DATE SWRF

Thanks again Terry. If the Niles WWTP plans on any new septage related changes, please let me know 30 days prior in writing.

Thanks,

Matt

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**From:** Terry Benish [mailto:TBenish@nilesmi.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 24, 2010 11:23 AM  
**To:** Campbell, Matthew (DNRE)  
**Subject:** UP DATE SWRF

Mr. Matthew Campbell:

The major change was an increase from 4 cents a gallon to 4.7 cents a gallon.  
If you have any questions contact me by phone at 269 684 3904 or email [tbenish@niles.org](mailto:tbenish@niles.org)

Sincerely,  
Terry Benish NWWTP

10/18/2010